

# Merced County Continuum of Care Collaborative OVERVIEW

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide comprehensive and accessible services to the homeless through collaborative partnerships that will improve the overall quality of life in Merced County.

**Agencies involved:** Approx 60; including government, non-profit, faith-based and educational.

**Lead Planning Entity:** Merced County Association of Governments  
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### Summary of CofC Grant Funds from HUD

Year	Pro-rata Need	Housing bonus	Total Available	Requested	Received
2003	\$489,769	\$489,769	\$979,538	\$728,207	\$0
2004	\$511,951	\$500,000	\$1,011,951	\$760,296	\$84,000 For HMIS start-up and first year operating expenses
2005	\$495,357	\$74,303	\$569,660	\$565,953	???

**Projects included in 2005 Grant Application**

- ♣ Project Home Start (Priority #1)  
 Grant Funds Requested: \$403,623  
 Involves leasing 4 permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless dual diagnosed adults. The housing will be offered in conjunction with supportive services, including life skills training and mental health counseling.
  
- ♣ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for Merced County (Priority #2)  
 Grant Funds Requested: \$162,330  
 Funds will be used for 2 years operating expenses

**Other Notable Accomplishments**

- ♣ Over 80 meetings held since August 2002
- ♣ Discharge Planning Policy adopted October 2004
- ♣ Site located for first year-round emergency shelter (to open in Fall 2006)
- ♣ Developed resource directory of available services and shelter
- ♣ Coordinated action steps in the areas of outreach, prevention, support services, housing, and the overall administration of the Merced region's Continuum of Care system
- ♣ Increased collaboration between homeless service providers

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